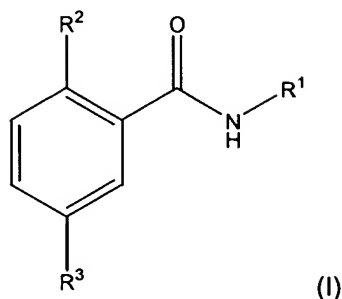


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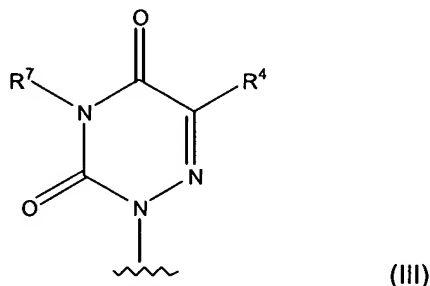
1. A compound of the formula



- wherein R¹ is (C₁-C₆)alkyl, optionally substituted by (C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl, (C₆-C₁₀)aryl, (C₁-C₁₀)heterocyclyl, or (C₁-C₁₀)heteroaryl, wherein each of said (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl, (C₆-C₁₀)aryl, (C₁-C₁₀)heterocyclyl, or (C₁-C₁₀)heteroaryl are optionally substituted by one to three suitable moieties independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, halogen, CN-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, HO(C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-NH(C=O)-, NH₂(C=O)-, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, or (C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl, wherein said (C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl is optionally substituted by one or more moieties selected from halogen, or (C₁-C₆)alkyl-;

- R² is hydrogen, halogen, -CN, and (C₁-C₆)alkyl, wherein said (C₁-C₆)alkyl is optionally substituted by one to three suitable moieties, independently selected from the group consisting of halo, hydroxy, amino, -CN, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, -CF₃, CF₃O-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-NH-, [(C₁-C₆)alkyl]₂N-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-S-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-(S=O)-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-(SO₂)-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-O-(C=O)-, formyl, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-(C=O)-, and (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl;

R³ is a nitrogen linked (C₁-C₁₀)heterocyclyl of the formula:



- wherein R⁴ is independently selected from the group of suitable substituents, such as hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, -CN, HO-(C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally substituted with one to three fluoro, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy optionally substituted with one to three fluoro, HO₂C-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-O-(C=O)-, R⁵R⁶N(O₂S)-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-(O₂S)-NH-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-O₂S-[(C₁-C₆)alkyl-N]-, R⁵R⁶N(C=O)-, R⁵R⁶N(CH₂)_m-, (C₆-C₁₀)aryl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, (C₁-C₁₀)heteroaryl, (C₁-C₁₀)heterocyclyl, (C₆-C₁₀)aryl-O-, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl-O-, (C₁-C₁₀)heteroaryl-O- and (C₁-C₁₀)heterocyclyl-O-; and

- R⁷ is independently selected from the group of suitable substituents such as hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally substituted with one to three halogens, hydroxy, -CN,

(C₁-C₆)alkoxy-, (C₂-C₆)alkenoxy, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-SO₂-, NH₂-, ((C₁-C₆)alkyl)_n-N-, ((C₂-C₆)alkenyl)_n-N-, ((C₂-C₆)alkynyl)_n-N-, NH₂(C=O)-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-(C=O)N-, ((C₁-C₆)alkyl)_n-N-(C=O)-, (C₂-C₆)alkenyl-(C=O)N-, ((C₂-C₆)alkenyl)_n-N-(C=O)-, (C₂-C₆)alkynyl-(C=O)N-, ((C₂-C₆)alkynyl)_n-N-(C=O)-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-(C=O)-, (C₂-C₆)alkenyl-(C=O)-, (C₂-C₆)alkynyl-(C=O)-, (C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl-(C=O)-, ((C₁-C₁₀)heterocyclyl-(C=O)-, (C₆-C₁₀)aryl-(C=O), (C₁-C₁₀)heteroaryl-(C=O), (C₁-C₆)alkyl-(C=O)O-, (C₂-C₆)alkenyl-(C=O)O-, (C₂-C₆)alkynyl-(C=O)O-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-O(C=O)-, (C₂-C₆)alkenyl-O-(C=O)-, (C₂-C₆)alkynyl-O-(C=O)-, (C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl, (C₆-C₁₀)aryl, (C₁-C₁₀)heterocyclyl, and (C₁-C₁₀)heteroaryl;

wherein R⁴ and R⁷ may each be optionally substituted on any aliphatic or aromatic carbon atom by one to three suitable moieties, independently selected from the group consisting of halo, hydroxy, amino, -CN, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, -CF₃, CF₃O-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-NH-, [(C₁-C₆)alkyl]₂-N-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-S-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-(S=O)-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-(SO₂)-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-O-(C=O)-, formyl, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-(C=O)-, and (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl;

R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, HO-(C₂-C₆)alkyl and (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, or R⁵ and R⁶ may optionally be taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached to form a 3 to 8 membered heterocycle;

n is an integer from zero to two; and

m is an integer from one to two;

or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts or solvates or prodrugs thereof.

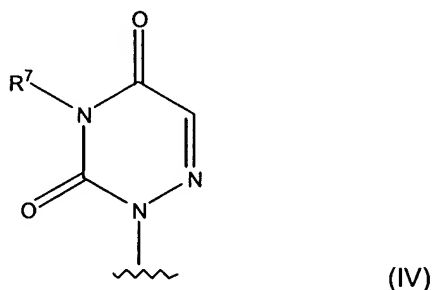
2. A compound of any of the preceding claims wherein R¹ is (C₁-C₄)alkyl, optionally substituted by (C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl; wherein said (C₁-C₄)alkyl or (C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl are optionally substituted by one to three suitable moieties independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, halogen, CN-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, HO(C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-NH(C=O)-, NH₂(C=O)-, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, or (C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl, wherein said (C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl is optionally substituted by one or more moieties selected from halogen, or (C₁-C₆)alkyl-.

3. A compound of any of the preceding claims wherein R¹ is (C₁-C₄)alkyl, optionally substituted by (C₆-C₁₀)aryl; wherein said (C₁-C₄)alkyl or (C₆-C₁₀)aryl are optionally substituted by one to three suitable moieties independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, halogen, CN-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, HO(C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-NH(C=O)-, NH₂(C=O)-, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, or (C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl, wherein said (C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl is optionally substituted by one or more moieties selected from halogen, or (C₁-C₆)alkyl-.

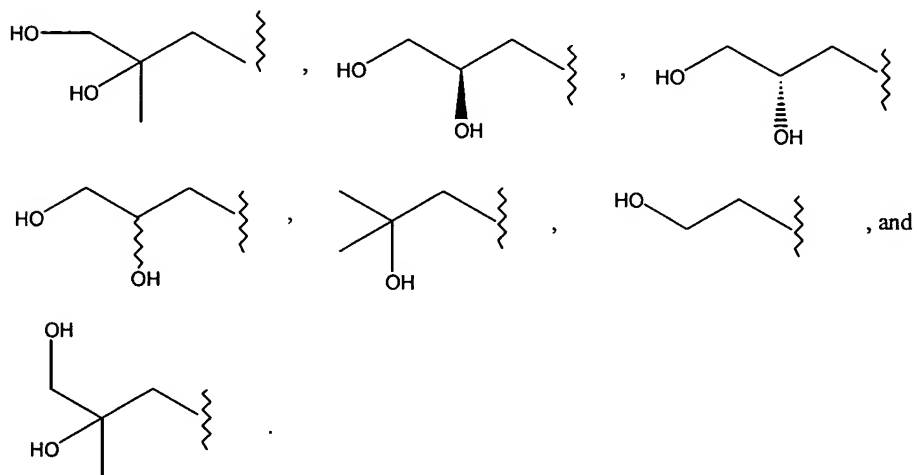
4. A compound of any of the preceding claims wherein R² is chloro, methyl or ethyl.

5. A compound of any of the preceding claims wherein R³ is a nitrogen linked (C₁-C₁₀)heterocyclyl of formula (III), wherein R⁴ is hydrogen and R⁷ is independently selected from the group of suitable substituents such as hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)alkyl, wherein said (C₁-

- C₆)alkyl is optionally substituted with one to three substituents independently selected from halo, hydroxy, -CN, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy-, (C₂-C₆)alkenoxy, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-SO₂-, NH₂-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl)_n-N-, ((C₂-C₆)alkenyl)_n-N-, ((C₂-C₆)alkynyl)_n-N-, NH₂(C=O)-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-(C=O)N-, ((C₁-C₆)alkyl)_n-N-(C=O)-, (C₂-C₆)alkenyl-(C=O)N-, ((C₂-C₆)alkenyl)_n-N-(C=O)-, (C₂-C₆)alkynyl-(C=O)N-, ((C₂-C₆)alkynyl)_n-N-(C=O)-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-(C=O)-, (C₂-C₆)alkenyl-(C=O)-, (C₂-C₆)alkynyl-(C=O)-, (C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl-(C=O)-, ((C₁-C₁₀)heterocyclyl-(C=O)-, (C₆-C₁₀)aryl-(C=O), (C₁-C₁₀)heteroaryl-(C=O), (C₁-C₆)alkyl-(C=O)O-, (C₂-C₆)alkenyl-(C=O)O-, (C₂-C₆)alkynyl-(C=O)O-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-O(C=O)-, (C₂-C₆)alkenyl-O-(C=O)-, (C₂-C₆)alkynyl-O-(C=O)-, (C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl, (C₆-C₁₀)aryl, (C₁-C₁₀)heterocyclyl, and (C₁-C₁₀)heteroaryl; wherein R⁷ may optionally be substituted on any ring aliphatic or aromatic carbon atom by one to three suitable moieties, independently selected from the group consisting of halo, hydroxy, amino, -CN, (C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₁-C₄)alkoxy, -CF₃, CF₃O-, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-NH-, [(C₁-C₄)alkyl]₂-N-, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-S-, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-(S=O)-, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-(SO₂)-, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-(C=O)-, formyl, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C=O)-, and (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl.
6. A compound of any of the preceding claims wherein R⁷ is hydrogen.
7. A compound of any of the preceding claims wherein R³ is a nitrogen linked (C₁-C₁₀)heterocyclyl of formula (IV):

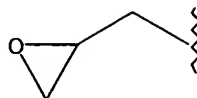


and R⁷ is selected from the group consisting of:

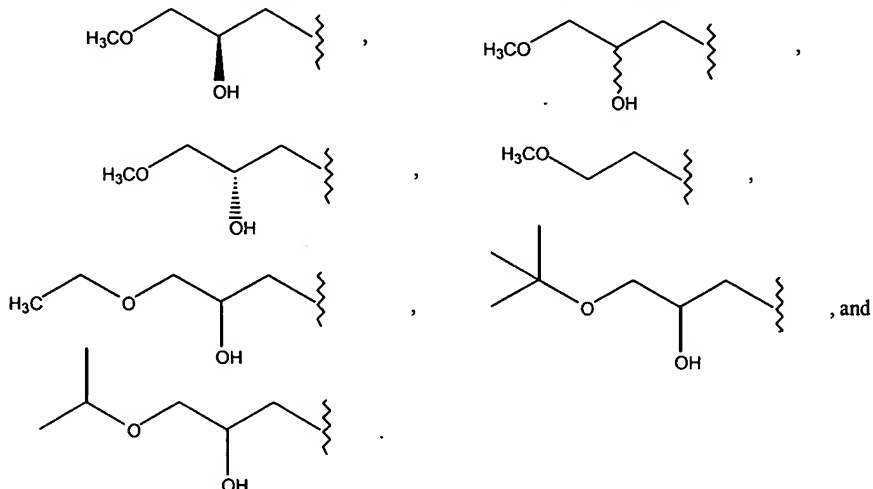


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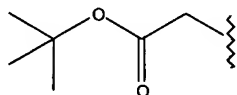
8. A compound of any of the preceding claims wherein R³ is a nitrogen linked (C₁-C₁₀)heterocyclyl of formula (IV), and R⁷ is



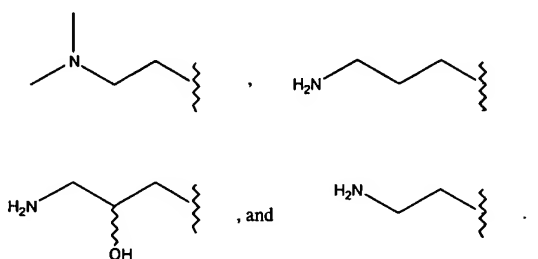
9. A compound of any of the preceding claims wherein R^3 is a nitrogen linked (C_1-C_{10}) heterocyclyl of formula (IV), and R^7 is selected from the group consisting of:



- 5 10. A compound of any of the preceding claims wherein R^3 is a nitrogen linked (C_1-C_{10}) heterocyclyl of formula (IV), and R^7 is

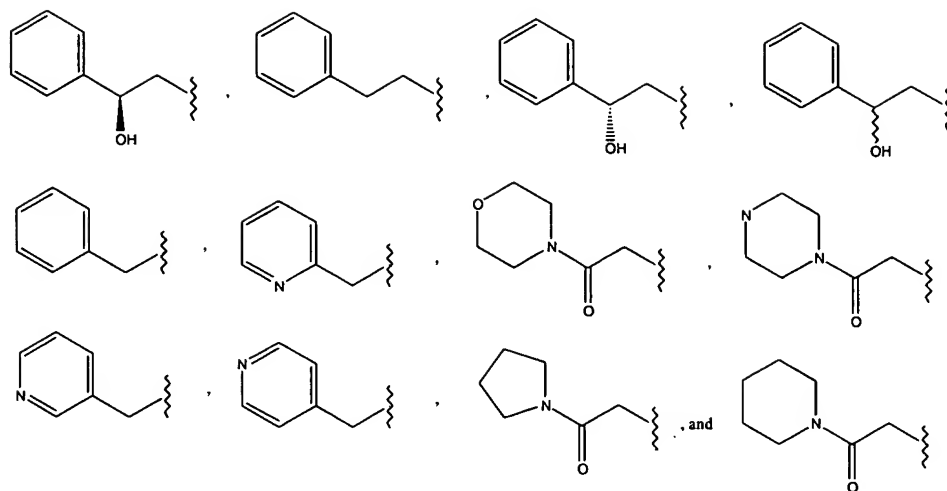


11. A compound of any of the preceding claims wherein R^3 is a nitrogen linked (C_1-C_{10}) heterocyclyl of formula (IV), and R^7 is selected from:



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12. A compound of any of the preceding claims wherein R^3 is a nitrogen linked (C_1-C_{10}) heterocyclyl of formula (IV), and R^7 is selected from:



13. A compound selected from the group consisting of:

2-Chloro-N-(1-hydroxy-cyclohexylmethyl)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-3-methoxy-propyl)-3,5-dioxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]triazin-2-yl]-benzamide;

5 2-Chloro-5-[4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propyl)-3,5-dioxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]triazin-2-yl]-N-(1-hydroxy-cyclohexylmethyl)-benzamide;

2-Chloro-N-(1-hydroxy-cycloheptylmethyl)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethyl)-3,5-dioxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]triazin-2-yl]-benzamide;

10 2-Chloro-5-[4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propyl)-3,5-dioxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]triazin-2-yl]-N-(1-hydroxy-cycloheptylmethyl)-benzamide;

2-Chloro-5-(4-cyanomethyl-3,5-dioxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]triazin-2-yl)-N-(1-hydroxy-cycloheptylmethyl)-benzamide;

2-Chloro-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-3-methoxy-propyl)-3,5-dioxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]triazin-2-yl]-N-(1-hydroxymethyl-cycloheptylmethyl)-benzamide;

15 2-Chloro-5-[4-(2-cyano-ethyl)-3,5-dioxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]triazin-2-yl]-N-(1-hydroxy-cycloheptylmethyl)-benzamide;

N-(1-Hydroxy-cycloheptylmethyl)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethyl)-3,5-dioxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]triazin-2-yl]-2-methyl-benzamide;

20 2-Chloro-5-[4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propyl)-3,5-dioxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]triazin-2-yl]-N-(1-hydroxy-cyclohexylmethyl)-benzamide;

2-Chloro-N-(1-hydroxy-cycloheptylmethyl)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-2-methyl-propyl)-3,5-dioxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]triazin-2-yl]-benzamide;

2-Chloro-N-(1-hydroxy-cyclooctylmethyl)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-3-methoxy-propyl)-3,5-dioxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]triazin-2-yl]-benzamide;

25 2-Chloro-N-(1-hydroxy-cycloheptylmethyl)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-2-phenyl-ethyl)-3,5-dioxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]triazin-2-yl]-benzamide;

2-Chloro-5-[3,5-dioxo-4-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-hydroxy-propyl)-4,5-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]triazin-2-yl]-N-(1-hydroxy-cycloheptylmethyl)-benzamide;

2-Chloro-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-3-methoxy-propyl)-3,5-dioxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]triazin-2-yl]-N-(2-hydroxy-2-phenyl-ethyl)-benzamide;

5 5-(4-Carbamoylmethyl-3,5-dioxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]triazin-2-yl)-2-chloro-N-(1-hydroxy-cycloheptylmethyl)-benzamide;

2-Chloro-N-(1-hydroxy-cycloheptylmethyl)-5-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-3,5-dioxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]triazin-2-yl]-benzamide;

10 5-[4-(2,3-Dihydroxy-propyl)-3,5-dioxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]triazin-2-yl]-N-(1-hydroxy-cycloheptylmethyl)-2-methyl-benzamide;

5-[4-(3-Amino-2-hydroxy-propyl)-3,5-dioxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]triazin-2-yl]-2-chloro-N-(1-hydroxy-cycloheptylmethyl)-benzamide; and

2-Chloro-N-(1-hydroxy-cycloheptylmethyl)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-3-methoxy-propyl)-3,5-dioxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]triazin-2-yl]-benzamide.

15 14. A pharmaceutical composition for treating a IL-1 mediated disease in a mammal in need thereof, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 or a salt or prodrug thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

20 15. A method of treating an IL-1 mediated disease in a mammal in need thereof, comprising administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 or a salt or prodrug thereof.